

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

I claim:

1. (canceled)
2. (currently amended) ~~The connector of claim 1 wherein said A~~  
unitary connector that retrofits onto existing buildings  
and helps prevent hurricane and earthquake damage by  
positively connecting a roof to a wall, comprising:
  - a. ~~a base web having a generally flat, generally long-~~  
~~horizontal~~ rectangular shape, with a plurality of nail  
holes for attachment to an exterior wall and into  
underlying structural members;
  - b. offset, angled, blocking webs, each having a generally  
right angled bend forming a rafter tab;
  - c. said base web and each said blocking web connected by  
an offset web;
  - d. said offset web having a first acute angled bend  
attached to said base web and a second, unequal, acute  
angled bend attached to said blocking webs;
  - e. said rafter tabs are generally perpendicular to said  
blocking webs.
- 3-4. (canceled)
5. (currently amended) The connector of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2 wherein

said first and said second angled bends, attached to opposite ends of said offset web, having generally unequal, acute bends in opposite directions, thereby offsetting said blocking webs at an acute angle from said base web, and thus avoiding a frieze board[[s]] or a blocking ~~on~~ when attached to a house.

6. (currently amended) The connector of claim [[1]] 2 wherein said first and said second acute bends and said offset web forming said base web and said blocking web unparallel to each other, providing a buttress that helps oppose outward thrusts when attached between ~~said a~~ roof rafter and ~~said a~~ wall thereby preventing detachment of a roof. ~~from detaching from the wall.~~
7. (currently amended) The connector of claim [[1]] 2 wherein said blocking webs having said generally right angle bends bent to form rafter tabs with an open space between them, therefore dividing said blocking webs into generally equal left and right blocking webs.
8. (currently amended) The connector of claim [[1]] 2 wherein said rafter tabs are generally rectangular, ~~vertical,~~ generally parallel to each other, and have a plurality of nail holes for attachment to ~~the~~ opposite sides of [[a]] the roof rafter.
9. (currently amended) The connector of claim [[1]] 2 wherein said offset web, and said first and second acute angles ~~place bend~~ said blocking webs ~~generally parallel~~ adjacent to frieze boards or blocking when installed on ~~said a~~ house, and said blocking webs ~~having~~ have a plurality of nail holes for attachment onto ~~said the~~ frieze boards or blocking.

10. (currently amended) The connector of claim [[1]] 2 wherein said base web, said rafter tabs, and said blocking webs having attaching means through the nail holes to the outside wall and underlying top plate, the roof rafter, and the frieze boards or blocking respectively, on an existing house, thereby securing together the exterior wall and the roof, and preventing uplift and lateral movement from wind and seismic events.

11-14. (canceled)

15. (previously presented) An apparatus that retrofits onto existing buildings and helps prevent hurricane and earthquake damage by positively connecting the top of a roof to a wall, comprising:

- a. a base plate;
- b. offset, angled, blocking tabs, each having a generally right angled bend forming a rafter tab;
- c. each said rafter tab having a strengthening tab attached at a generally right angle bend;
- d. each said blocking tab having a sheathing tab attached at a generally right angled bend;
- e. said base plate and each said blocking tab connected by an offset tab;
- f. said offset tab having a first acute angled bend attached to said base plate and a second acute angled bend attached to said blocking tabs.
- g. a roof plate.

16. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein said first and said second angled bends, attached to opposite ends of said offset tab, having generally unequal, acute bends in opposite directions, thereby offsetting said

blocking tabs at an acute angle from said base plate,  
thereby avoiding frieze boards or blocking on a house.

17. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein said first and said second acute bends and said offset tab forming said base plate and said blocking tabs unparallel to each other forming a buttress that helps oppose outward thrusts when attached between a roof rafter and wall, thereby preventing the roof from detaching from the wall.
18. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein said blocking tabs having said generally right angle bends dividing said blocking tabs into left and right blocking tabs.
19. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein said right angle bends form rafter tabs, off each said left and right blocking tab, that are generally vertical, parallel, and having a plurality of nail holes for attachment to the sides of said roof rafter.
20. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein said apparatus having an offset tab, and acute angles, thereby placing said blocking tabs generally parallel to frieze boards and blocking on said house, and said blocking webs having a plurality of nail holes for attachment onto said frieze boards and blocking.
21. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein said sheathing tab and said strengthening tab on the left side folded on top of each other, and said sheathing tab and said strengthening tab on the right side folded on top of each other, thereby forming double thickness with each side having a bolt hole.

22. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein each said double thick strengthening tab and sheathing tab bent generally perpendicular to said blocking tabs and generally bent perpendicular to said rafter tabs, thereby placing said strengthening tabs and sheathing tabs on either side of said rafter and generally parallel to the roof.
23. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein said apparatus connected to said roof plate, on top of said roof, by a bolt on either side of said rafter that pierce through bolt holes on said roof plate, through pre-drilled holes in said roof, and into each said bolt hole on said double thickness sheathing tab and strengthening tab, thereby tying the roof securely to the wall, preventing wind and seismic damage to the house.